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PER YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 23, 1984

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MINN. POLLUTION
CONTROL AGENCY

Dear Ms. Gawrys:

Let me introduce our company, Saga Corporation. We are the owners of that piece of property on which the Stuart Anderson Cattle Company is being built. We are also the operator of said restaurant.

This property was purchased November of 1983 from Northwest Mutual Life, a Wisconsin Corporation. We have no knowledge of a previous owner or the total time Northwest Mutual Life owned said property.

In reference to your letter of October 23, 1984 to Mr. Larry Hoskins of Torre Construction Company, Inc., which we received on October 26, 1984, there seems to be some cause for concern and some discrepancies.

Your letter makes reference to 25 - 30 "Barrels" that were uncovered (paragraph 3, line 4). There seems to be a conflict in the amount and size. The following persons witnessed the excavation:

Mr. Del Dahn, concrete man
Mr. John Nelson, City of Bloomington
Mr. John Beckendorf, plumber
Mr. James Spetz, waterline contractor
Jerry, backhoe operator
Mr. Don Gaskil, carpenter contractor
and various workers on the job

All the above witnesses confirm a quantity of less than 12 (more like 5 - 7) and a maximum size of 5 gallon buckets or "pail" as referred to by our independent testing lab, Pace Laboratories, Inc. (letter dated September 27, 1984).

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Stuart Anderson's
BLACK ANGUS
CATTLE COMPANY
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As to the disposition of soils and debris, Mr. Larry Hoskins tried contacting Susan Cedarleaf on August 20, 1984, at 296-7735 to find disposition of soil samples. She was reported to be on vacation. Mr. B. Dullingen was then asked for at 296-7715, and he was reported to be in Washington D.C.

Mr. L. Hoskins then contacted Mr. John K. Nelson with the Department of Community Development Environmental Service Section, cc of registered letter dated August 20, 1984, delivered August 21, 1984.

The dirt was subsequently moved to the west property line, and underground work continued. On Tuesday, September 11, 1984, this writer visited the job site at 4470 West 78th Street Circle in Bloomington and personally observed said pile with remnants of what appeared to be 3 or 4 paint buckets visible. In noting that approximately 30 days had transpired between Susan Cedarleaf's initial visit and mine, with no resolve I had instructed Mr. L. Hoskins to contact an independent testing lab to determine if there were any hazardous wastes, and then confirmed this need. (Previously attached letter, Pace Lab., Inc.)

On October 2, 1984 this writer received a copy of the above mentioned Pace Lab., Inc., report. Still no report from MPLA.

With direction from Environmental Health, the pile of debris was distributed in the west landscape area and rusty cans were placed in the dumpster. This brings us to your letter of October 23, 1984, - 69 days since Susan Cedarleaf's initial visit and sampling time.

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What can we do to cooperate in light of the
situation and discrepancies?

Sincerely,


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